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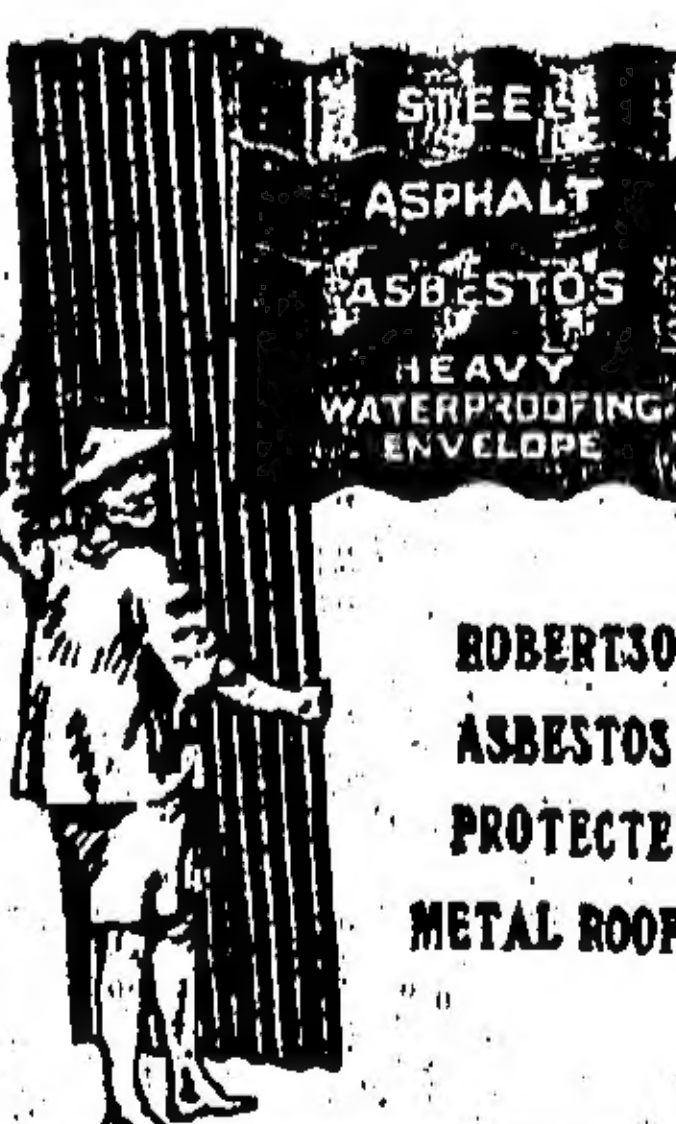
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BOOK ENTRIES.

DISCREPANCIES IN CASHIER'S RECORD.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

COUNSEL SUGGESTS UNTRUTH-
FULNESS.

Mr. Chiu, the comptroller of
Getz Bros. Co. (of the Orient),
Ltd., was cross-examined at con-
siderable length this morning by
Mr. Zeitlyn (for the defence)
with regard to entries in the
cashier's books respecting the
items in regard to which the
Crown alleges misappropriation
against Mr. James Edward
Atherley, former manager.

In the course of his cross-
examination, Mr. Zeitlyn put it
to the comptroller that his books
were untrue but this was denied.
Some mistakes might have crept
in, the witness admitted, but they
would have been corrected.

The witness was taken over
carefully each item entered on the
relevant days in three books, one
in English, one in Chinese and
one in Chinese and another book
which were recorded promissory
note numbers by which payments
into the bank were checked.

When these items had all been
gone over (a proceeding which
took well over an hour) His Lord-
ship commented to the jury that
there were several things in the
Chinese version which were not in
the English version. Reference
to payments into the bank do not
appear in the English version
which do in the Chinese.

Mr. Zeitlyn further, the
English version gives payments
into the bank on dates of receipt
whereas the Chinese version gives
them on a different date.

A WRONG DATE.
These discrepancies were then
pointed out to the witness and he
was asked for his explanation.

With regard to an entry in one
version in which payment into the
bank was stated to have been
made on March 22 whereas in the
other it was stated to be
March 25, witness said he thought
the explanation was that Mr.
Atherley had asked the cashier
for that amount on that day. Mr.
Atherley then might have given
him a receipt and the man who
wrote the book might not know
what would have happened. The
cashier would consider his responsi-
bility at an end once the money
was handed to the "tai-pai".
When Mr. Atherley returned the
money the chop was put on in the
other book for that date.

Mr. Zeitlyn reminded witness
of the clause in his contract under
which he was liable to be called
upon to make a true statement of
the accounts in his charge. Had
he discharged his obligation
when no reference to this money
lent to the "tai-pai" appeared in
the book?

An alteration in the book of the
date of paying in to the bank of
money received from Tsun Tsau
Chun was referred to Mr. Zeitlyn.
Why had this been altered to
March 27 he asked. Witness ad-
mitted that there was an altera-
tion but said that he could not
account for it. It was a matter
for the cashier to explain.

"MADE TO FIT."

Mr. Zeitlyn suggested that it
had been "made to fit."
The entering up in respect to
money received, as having been
paid into the Asia Banking Cor-
poration was also pointed out by
Mr. Zeitlyn.

Witness admitted that the com-
pany had no dealings with that
bank. He thought it must have
been a clerical error.

Mr. Zeitlyn: It makes a great
difference to employers, does it
not, whether an amount of money
collected for them is paid into a
bank with which they have an ac-
count or into one with which they
have no account.

The cross-examination of this
witness was not complete when
the court adjourned for the tiffin
interval.

A "PERSONAL MATTER?"

The interview between Mr.
Atherley, a representative of the
firm of Getz Bros. and other in-
terested parties, after enquiry
into the alleged misappropriation,
was delayed at yesterday's
hearing.

The comptroller of Getz Bros.,
who was under examination by
Mr. Zeitlyn at the time stated that
he did not hear Mr. Atherley say
on that occasion that the whole
affair was a personal matter be-
tween him and the comptroller.
He admitted that he (witness)
asked Mr. Atherley about money

HOTEL FIRE.

DANCE FOR SEAMAN'S DEPENDANTS.

WEDNESDAY'S FUNCTION.

Wednesday next (January 13)
there will be a supper dance at
the Hongkong Hotel roof garden
when funds will be raised for the
dependants of the late A.B.
Batchelor who lost his life on New
Year Day when assisting the
Brigade at the Hotel fire. Details
will be found in an advertisement
in this issue.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
have written to say that their
maintenance contract for the
Hotel lifts ceased on October 30
and they wish to correct any
wrong impression that may be
formed here or in London. They
are now looking after the two
large lifts serving the roof gar-
den, the contract having been re-
instated.

In keeping with their policy of
progress in spite of difficulties,
the hotel has retrieved a number of
rooms, thus increasing the ac-
commodation in the new wing.
Furniture is being installed and
the present office on the first floor
has full details.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

TWO PERSONS SUCCUMB TO INJURIES.

An unknown Chinese, believed
to be a commercial traveller, was
injured when he jumped from a
moving tram car at Praya East
yesterday afternoon.

The man died at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital in the night.

Another fatality occurred near
the 3 1/2 mile post on the Kowloon-
Canton Railway. A Chinese
woman in attempting to cross the
line before an approaching train
was knocked down yesterday after-
noon. She died a few hours later.

TRAFFIC CHARGE.

SEQUEL TO A TRAM COLLISION.

An ex-tramway driver was
charged at the Central Magistracy
this morning with disregarding a
traffic signal at the junction of
Des Voeux Road and Pedder
Street on December 11.

Evidence given by Traffic Sub-
Inspector Alexander was that the
defendant was asked to continue
to remain stationary while a
motor car belonging to the
Peruvian Consul coming from
Pedder Street was signalled to
cross the lines. Defendant dis-
regarded the order to halt and
there was a collision, the motor
car being damaged.

A fine of \$10, or fourteen days'
hard labour, was imposed.

PLANE STUNTS.

A new step in local advertising
was marked to-day when the Lai
Wah Co. of the Des Voeux Road
Central (on their 5th anniver-
sary) have obtained the service of
the Caudron biplane of the First
Dutch Air Company in distribut-
ing handbills from the air, some
of the bills being good for gifts at
the shop. This morning the
aviator went up to the great
enjoyment of the Chinese. The
"stunts" will continue for some
days.

owed to him and that Mr.
Atherley said that he had made
arrangements for repayment.

Mr. Zeitlyn put it to witness
that Mr. Atherley had explained
that it was a personal matter and
that he had asked witness to bring
the I.O.U.s.

Witness replied that Mr.
Atherley had not spoken. He
"only put his head down."

Witness got the I.O.U.s. and
gave them to his guarantor the
following day.

At this stage, Mr. Zeitlyn said
that he had had a very tiring day
and asked His Lordship if he
would adjourn the Court.

His Lordship: I suggest that
you limit your cross-examination
so as to save the jury's time.

Mr. Zeitlyn: My conclusion will
not be long.

His Lordship: I was brought
up, Presbyrian, Mr. Zeitlyn,
and I know what that "in con-
clusion" means at the end of a
sermon.

"TEAN" GROUNDING.

MASTER'S "ERROR OF JUDGMENT"

BUT NOT CULPABLE.

"An error of judgment, not
amounting to culpability, was
made by the master in under-
estimating the visibility" was the
finding of the Marine Court of
Inquiry, which sat this morning
to investigate the circumstances
of the grounding of the China
Navigation s.s. "Tean," 21 1/2
miles west of Mandarin Cap, near
Ching Mai Point, Hainan Straits,
on December 19, while on a voy-
age from Haiphong to Hoihow.

Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.
(Harbour Master) presided.
Other members of the Court
were: Lieut.-Com. C. R. H.
Harvey (Chart Dept., Royal
Naval Yard), Captain S.
Robinson, C.B.E. ("Empress of
Canada"), Captain H. W.
Chandler ("Kumsang"), Captain
J. Thompson ("Haiyang").

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, instruct-
ed by the Imperial Merchant Ser-
vice Guild, appeared for the cap-
tain. Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton, in-
structed by the China Coast
Officers' Guild, represented the
captain and officers. Mr. T. T.
Laurenson of the C.C.O.G. was
also in court.

Points in the evidence of Cap-
tain E. H. Histed (master)—the
greater part of his testimony
being technical—were:

From 2.15 to 3.00 p.m. on
December 19, he left the bridge.

The "Tean's" speed then was
about 9.7 knots.

At 3.39 land was raised 2 points
before the starboard beam.

The ship grounded in 2 1/2
fathoms of water at 4.41 p.m.

An attempt was made to swing
off but the ship's head held and
the engines were then stopped.

The port anchor was let go and 10
fathoms of chain were used.

At 8.20 p.m. she floated off
without damage.

A subsequent survey showed
that the hull was unaffected.

A fresh wind blew, bearing
from E.N.E. and N.N.E. force 4
for 5. The weather was thick
with driving rain.

It was essential to pick up
Ching Mai Point in order to make
Hoihow.

He had been through the Straits
about 15 times as master and had
frequently used the same course.

If he had gone further north of
Ching Mai he would have been
"lost" as he could not pick up the
Hoihow lights (maximum visibil-
ity 10 miles in clear weather).

Witness attributed the ground-
ing to an unknown set to the
south. Both the captain and the
chief officer were on the look-out
for land from 4.00 p.m. (when the
chief officer's "dog" watch began)
to 4.30 p.m. Visibility extended
2 to 3 miles.

Captain Histed took the "true"
(magnetic) bearings and the
chief officer (Mr. C. B. Adkins)
gave compass bearings.

Mr. Adkins also went into the
box and gave corroborative evi-
dence.

Mr. Hugh-Jones cross-examined
the captain at considerable length
on technical and navigation
points.

THE STRIKE.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS' PROCESSION.

"Stop the Strike" was printed
in large Chinese characters on
banners carried by men in a pro-
cession in Canton on the after-
noon of New Year Day.

The procession comprised
"boys," cooks and coolies and
included a band.

Ship Officers Replaced.

On returning to Canton, a
Chinese-owned steamer plying
between that port and Saigon
came under the notice of the
strike pickets. The strike
authorities ordered those in
charge to disengage the British
officers and replace them by
foreign officers of other nationalities.
It is believed that the
vessel was formerly in the Hong-
kong trade but has since changed
ownership.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The floating rate of the dollar
on Canton is 2/4 1/2 to 2/4 7/8

TOKEN OF ESTEEM.

PRESENTATION TO HON. MR. FLETCHER.

TO-DAY'S TIPPIN'.

There was a fully representa-
tive attendance of members of the
Chamber at the complimentary
tiffin given to-day at the Roof
Garden of the Hongkong Hotel by
the Chairman and Committee of
the Hongkong General Chamber
of Commerce to the Hon. Mr.
A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.,
who leaves Hongkong on Satur-
day prior to taking up his post as
Colonial Secretary of Ceylon.

At the head table the Chairman
of the Chamber (the Hon. Mr.
P. H. Holyoak) had on his right
H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil
Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and on his
left the Hon. Mr. A. G. M.
Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E. Mr. B. R.
Forster, private secretary to the
Governor, was also present.

Other seats at this table were
occupied by members of the
Chamber who are either on the
Executive or Legislative Councils,
or are members of the General
Committee of the Chamber,
namely: the Hon. Sir Paul Chater,
Kt., C.M.G., the Hon. Sir Henry
Pollock, Kt., K.C., the Hon. Sir
Shou-son Chow, Kt., the Hon.
Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Vice-
Chairman of the Chamber, the
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. M.
Young, M.B.E., Mr. Paul Lauder,
Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. D. G. M.
Bernard, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. J.
Owen Hughes, Mr. J. A. Plummer,
Mr. T. G. Weall, Lieut.-Commandr.
C. St. C. Ingham, R.N., Major
R. D. Bennett, M.C.

The Chairman asked Mr.
Fletcher to accept, on behalf of
those present and of others who
were unavoidably prevented from
attending, a handsome silver
tiffin cup which bore the follow-
ing inscription:

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OPIUM HAUL.

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SHIP OFFICER'S ACTION.

A quantity of prepared opium
(890 taels) valued at \$10,000 was
ordered to be confiscated when
Sergeant Carson made applica-
tion at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning.

The opium was handed over to
the Water Police by Mr.
Ravensburg, an officer on the s.s.
"Tjiliboet."

No arrests have been made in
connection with this haul.

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watch and chain, \$40 in bank
notes, and an overcoat was pre-
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him home. The overcoat dis-
appeared in a few minutes, and
on looking further he found that
his watch and chain had also gone
together with a sum of about \$40
he had in his pocket. He reported
the loss immediately, and in
the morning discovered that a
further sum of \$17 in new one-
dollar notes together with his
tram ticket and other papers were
also missing.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan
after giving evidence of the result
of a search made in the afternoon
when he found the overcoat, the
watch and chain, and \$21 in bank
notes, including 17 new one-dollar
notes in a cubicle occupied by the
defendant at Queen's Road West
applied for an adjournment for
the next day to give evidence.

A LUKONG CHARGED.

BAD ENDING TO A DINNER.

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"GUILTY."

VERDICT AGAINST SIR BASIL THOMSON.

AN APPEAL NOTIFIED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 5.
On the resumption of the case
against Sir Basil Thomson, who
yesterday pleaded not guilty, Sir
Henry Curtis-Bennett, cross-
examining the Police witnesses,
suggested that accused gave his
own name "Hume" Thomson,
which the Sergeant mistook for
"Hugh" Thomson.

The Magistrate (Mr. H. L.
Cancellor) remarked that that was
a mistake which might easily be
made.

Mr. Curtis-Bennett, in his
speech, said that a man with the
knowledge of accused must have
been insane or drunk to go to such
a place for such an offence. The
evidence showed that he was
absolutely sober. Counsel was
glad that the Magistrate had last
night personally inspected the
spot and asked the Magistrate to
say that it was impossible to see
what people were doing from the
place where the Police said they
saw them. He submitted that the
story of the two constables in this
connection was untrue.

Data For a Book.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, and Sir
Reginald Ball, M.P., testified to
accused's high character, after
which accused entered the witness
box. He said that since his retire-
ment he had devoted himself to
literary and journalistic work,
particularly criminal and police
matters. He had recently con-
templated investigating and writ-
ing about Hyde Park and West-
End solicitation. He had discuss-
ed the matter with Mr. Douglas
Straight, ex-Inspector-General of
Police in the United Provinces of
Agra and Oudh, and with Mr.
Barry Higgins, the well-known
solicitor. He was also very keenly
interested in the Communist
movement. He went to Hyde
Park to investigate the conditions
there. A woman spoke to him and
told him that she was hard up.
He gave her two or three shillings,
and asked her about the people
who were sitting round. He im-
mediately afterward the Police
appeared. Accused emphatically
denied that the woman was acting
improperly toward him.

Incident in Court.

Sir Basil Thomson denied that
he said after his arrest "How can
I keep this from my friends?"
He said that what he did say was
that such a charge would ruin
anybody.

Counsel for the defence called
attention to Laurie (the policeman
who arrested Sir Basil Thomson)
standing close to the witness box
and grinning whilst the ques-
tions were being put.

The Magistrate ordered Laurie
to leave the Court.

Sir Basil Thomson denied that
he said to Laurie that if he
overlooked this he could
leave the police to-morrow. He
swore that there was not the
shadow of foundation for the
charge.

The second summons was dis-
missed.

Sir Basil Thomson was found
guilty on the first charge and fined
£5 and 45 costs.

An appeal was notified.

It was reported in yesterday's
cables that a huge crowd besieged
Marlborough Street Police Court,
London, on the appearance of Sir
Basil Thomson, Assistant Com-
missioner of the Metropolitan
Police from 1918-1919, in answer
to two summonses, one accusing
him of indecency with a woman
in Hyde Park, and the other re-
quiring him to show cause why
his recognisances of £5 should not
be forfeited for his non-appear-
ance in Court on the day named
in the original summonses.]

"Fresh to strong monsoon may
be expected," says the weather re-
port. Hongkong's forecast till
noon to-morrow is "N.E. winds,
fresh, overcast, some drizzle or
mist." For the Formosa Chan-
nel it is "N.E. winds, strong."

Losing "control" while com-
ing down Hill Road yesterday, a
taxi cab was injured by the
vehicle, overturning. A Chinese
passenger, lying in the road,
was rescued by the police.

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"POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL."

FORTUNE LOST IN FEW WEEKS.

Poor little "rich" girl! She made a small fortune one year, lost it all the next, and now she cannot get a "much needed job" because she is supposed to be too rich to want it!

Miss Marian Wilson, the girl who at the age of eighteen made £17,000 out of "The Beggar's Opera," and lost it all the next year in "The British Ballet" at the Kingsway, said to a "Sunday Express" representative that it was "worse than hard luck."

She curled her diminutive self up in a low chair and stretched her doll-like feet—size "one," but no economy because of that, as shoes have to be made to fit—the fire's blaze as she discussed her unusual predicament.



The famous old tree at Cambridge, under which Washington took command of the American Army, stands no more. Boy scouts throughout the country have small blocks of the historic elm, placed on a metal plate.

"I never wanted to be a 'production magnate,' anyway," she sighed. "It just happened. You see, Dad didn't like my going on the stage very much, but he wasn't, at the end, a stern parent about it."

"He saw that I had some training, and then handed me £1,000, and said that if I hadn't landed somewhere by the time the money was gone I must 'fend for myself.' He said, of course, I could always come home and have a job cooking dinner or washing dishes, but that was all."

"I put every penny into 'The Beggar's Opera,' and, of course, I was thrilled to death when the money came rolling in so fast."

"Then, half the trouble came from putting all my eggs into one basket, and the other half came from not taking out the income tax first! I'm not complaining about the tax a bit, I should have thought of it. But, of course, I had never paid any at all before, and when it piled up on unearned income and excess profits and super tax, it was an awful shock, especially as the money was all gone by that time."

"I'm not a bit sorry though, as I learned more in two weeks of failure than in all the months of success. We started our ballet with high hopes, but I soon realised that my 'winnings' were nothing but a drop in the bucket. The public just refused to come, and we could hold out only so many weeks."

"So I came down from the 'magnate' stage to doing any kind of a 'rag, tag, and bobtail' job that I could get. I danced in a cabaret in Nice and other French towns, arranged ballets and toured with the Ben Greet Company round London, up in Yorkshire, and down in Kent, playing often to interesting and unusual audiences, sometimes all schoolchildren, then all monks or all nuns or all Quakers."

"I simply adored playing Puck and Ariel. You can't imagine any one my size aspiring to playing Portia, can you? Besides, I love light comedy better than anything."

In the intervals Miss Wilson acquired an actor husband and a baby girl.

"I have ended up by cooking the dinner and being useful round the house, though not for Dad," she added, "and baby likes the soup I make, if nobody else does."

Miss Wilson hopes to appear soon in a translation of a light French comedy.

SNAPSHOTS.

AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

NATURE'S SAFEGUARD.

Cyclones on the sun are setting in with appalling severity, writes J. H. Elgie in a Home paper.

It should not be thought, however, that they resemble earthly cyclones, whirling at the rate of a mere sixty, eighty, or a hundred miles an hour and producing torrents of rain.

No, the solar cyclones whirl round with a speed of several thousand miles an hour. And they do not produce torrents of rain, because they are composed of vaporised metals. Moreover, the whirling particles are electrically charged.

One of these awful electrical cyclones may now be seen any day starting on the sun as a small black spot. If you watch this spot through a telescope with a shaded eyepiece you will see it develop until the whole region becomes dotted with similar black spots, which will eventually form a stream of spotlets many thousands of miles in length. Each spotlet is the upper part of a vast electrical cyclone.

Indeed, at the moment of writing there is a long, straggling spot-stream visible on the west side of the sun, and another is developing on the east side. It may grow large enough to be seen with the naked eye.

They all indicate a disturbance compared with which our most destructive tornadoes on earth would be but the gentle breathing of a now-born babe.

Sun-cyclones, which are now markedly increasing in number and magnitude, are, then, made visible to us on the earth in the form of what are called "sun-spots."

They will continue to increase in number and size for the next few years. That is as certain as that there is a sun at all.

Now, after long study of these things, I ask myself if Nature brings them about in order to rid this bright orb of ours of such impurities as might endanger the sun's existence.

Why, in a few months' time you will see with the naked eye some of these "whirlpools" so vast—let us say, of ninety-three million miles, mind you—that our earth could be dropped into them like a pea into a bucket.

One can only come to the conclusion that but for these upheavals, acting, as they do, as a safety-valve, serious harm would result to the sun. They are Nature's safeguards for keeping Mother Earth in health.



HUGH D'ARCY, M.P.

Remember the lines, "Twice a baby's summer's coming and a goodly growth was there, that well high filled the barroom at the corner of the square?" The author of "The Face On The Floor," Hugh D'Arcy, has died in New York.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 6 to 12, 1926.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Time	Height	Direction	Day	Time	Height	Direction
Jan 6	10.15	10.1	W	Jan 6	4.15	4.1	E
Jan 7	11.15	11.1	W	Jan 7	5.15	5.1	E
Jan 8	12.15	12.1	W	Jan 8	6.15	6.1	E
Jan 9	13.15	13.1	W	Jan 9	7.15	7.1	E
Jan 10	14.15	14.1	W	Jan 10	8.15	8.1	E
Jan 11	15.15	15.1	W	Jan 11	9.15	9.1	E
Jan 12	16.15	16.1	W	Jan 12	10.15	10.1	E

FAMOUS DOCTOR.

KILLED BY UNKNOWN SON.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Sensation followed sensation when the Vienna police announced that Doctor Wolff, one of the best-known dental surgeons in Vienna and the founder of the dental school-clinics there, had been murdered by Joseph Huemer, one of his patients.

An hour later it was revealed that Huemer was his victim's illegitimate son, and had committed suicide.

Doctor Wolff and Catherine Huemer were lovers twenty years ago. A child was born, but the lovers quarrelled, and Dr. Wolff never saw Catherine Huemer or his son until the day he came to murder him.

The youth's mother had married, but she always refused to tell her son Joseph the name of his father.



NATHALIA CRANE.

Nathalia Crane, twelve-year-old wonder-petess figure in a court action over royalties, having been recommended to the extent of only \$100, according to her father. It was once said that Kipling wrote some of her wonderful verse, but this, he denied emphatically.

Recently he came across documents which revealed his parentage. This began to prey on his mind, and he approached his father under the assumed name of Engineer, and, as a patient, called a number of times.

Details of the dramatic meeting with his father and how he revealed his identity are not known, but the police have established that the crime occurred after a heated argument.

The police declare that Huemer wished either to mislead them or spare his mother further disgrace, and to this end he left a statement under an assumed name to say that he had committed the murder because the doctor's bill was too high.

The startling likeness between father and son gave the police a clue to the mystery, and after an interview with the youth's mother they succeeded in unravelling it.

American host, waving a hand towards the painting above him: "That is one of my ancestors."

"In those times," "And he" was nearly one of mine; I bid up to 300 guineas for him."

At the races tipsters were busy selling "certain winners" for sixpence a time.

One who had the usual crowd listening shouted: "Didn't I give three winners yesterday? If you listened to me you would all win money!"

After a few more similar remarks he began running round the ring with his slips, saying, invitingly, "Come on, now. I've got a little double."

"Voice from the crowd: 'You have. I've seen it at the Zoo.'"

A friend of the family had been summoned to testify, much against his will, as to domestic disturbances in a certain household.

"You saw those blows administered?" asked counsel.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness.

"Did you witness the beginning of the quarrel, between Mr. and Mrs. Deely?"

"I did."

"When was it?"

"Six years ago."

"Six years ago! How is that possible?"

"I was a guest at their wedding, and this witness."

LOST HUSBAND.

MISSING MAN'S DRAMATIC RETURN.

HIS MIND A BLANK.

A husband who had been missing from home for eight months, during which time he has been wandering about with his memory a blank, has returned dramatically to his wife. He is Mr. E. C. Matthews, an insurance broker, of Exeter.

Efforts made by friends and the police to trace him had been fruitless. Then his wife, answering a ring of the door bell, was startled to find her husband on the doorstep in a distressed state.

When he left home eight months ago Mr. Matthews told his wife he was going to Torquay. He now states that he left Exeter with that intention.

On the way—he does not know where—"something snapped" in his head, and he remembered nothing further until he found himself lying in a wood near Oxford. How long this was after he had left Exeter he does not know.

He then, apparently, wandered about "the countryside" until at last he reached London, where a Salvation Army officer took him to a shelter. Here he was nursed until a job was found for him.

Mr. Matthews explained that his memory came back partially. He remembered he had some connection with Exeter, and saw an appeal from his life in a London paper.

This brought things right back to his mind, and he returned home.

He is now suffering from the hardships and exposure of the last eight months, and he will probably be sent to a nursing home or hospital for a time.

During his absence Mrs. Matthews carried on the insurance business as best she could, as well as looking after the family of three children.

A HOT SUBJECT.

HOW THE TRADE CAME TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Pepper, was the subject of an address by the Minister for Overseas Trade, Mr. A. M. Samuel, M.P., to the London Commercial Club. In early ages, he said, Venice was the great trading centre of the world for pepper and spices. The curing of food in those times was defective, and pepper was used for camouflaging purposes. (Laughter.) The Venetians got the pepper by overland route from the western side of India, through Asia Minor, but when the Turks overran Arabia they put a stop to the passage of the commodity, and Venice lost her monopoly.

Britain stuck out to see how she could get pepper herself. She went to India by a sea route, and thus began the dawn of her great Indian trade. There was in London at that time a "Fraternity of Peppers."

That company later changed its name to the Grocers' Company, which remained to the present day. The custom was that every member of the Fraternity of Peppers should take his wife to a very feast of the fraternity, otherwise he was fined. It was a curious custom, remarked Mr. Samuel, but it was so. There were three pivotal events which had affected the destiny of mankind.

First there was the flooding of Athens, which enabled the mosquito to settle there, and to turn the plain into a desert, rendering Athens a dead city. The second was the simple herring, found in the Baltic, brought over to Britain, and paid for in wool, which set up our great system of trade. The third was pepper. In order to get it the British discovered India, and out of that sprang the great Indian Empire.



Hazel Burnside, woman "handicapped" rather than face a long term in prison, wounded herself severely with a bullet under the heart.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., with a view to deciding whether the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW should be held next year or not.

It is hoped that a good attendance may be expected. All Ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1925.

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FIRE FIGHTING NEEDS.

When a big fire breaks out who is the person in supreme charge of the operations to get it under control? Most people would answer offhand, "why the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, who else?" Doubtless that reply would be correct for nearly every city of any size in other parts of the world. But from what was seen last Friday it certainly does not appear to be true of Hongkong. Mr. H. T. Brooks was to all appearances nominally in charge, and for all we know his authority was absolute. We should like to think so. But apart from the amount of mechanical work he was called upon to perform—such as linking hoses and driving fire engines—he was surrounded by so many officials higher in the public service that it is difficult to believe there was not some overlapping of authority. These words are written in no churlish spirit. Everyone acknowledges the immense debt due to those who assisted the Fire Brigade, especially to the Navy and Army. But if the lesson of this help is not to be lost there should be some better understanding as to the occasions when such aid can be invoked. The Navy would not be what it is, nor the Army either, if the officers and men failed to respond to an urgent call for help. From an incident witnessed in Pedder Street the "China Mail" is inclined to believe that one of the Services came into action as early as it did solely through the casual circumstance of a self-reliant officer happening to be present at the time. Doubtless individual members of both services could always be found to give a hand in time of emergency. But that is not what we mean. Civilians, too, as witness Friday's events, are to be found not less ready in this respect. Individual help is one thing—official assistance is another. When in the case of the Navy and Army may this official aid be solicited? And how? These are questions the public are asking and they ought to figure in any inquiry that may be instituted into the whole question of fire fighting in Hongkong. The matter is not one of making the Navy and Army subsidiary arms of the Fire Brigade, of demanding their assistance as a right, or simply of invoking their aid.

which as the Colony saw last Friday will be gladly conceded. Once on the scene, however, we think the Navy and Army, as no doubt was the case last Friday, should automatically become units in the operations—in the same way as the police and the Fire Brigade itself—orders being issued through the respective superior officers to the men under their command. This should apply also to the police, the scouts and any other organized body that may be assisting. The system may not permit it at present, but the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade should be the supreme authority when the call to action has been given. Free from purely mechanical tasks, the Superintendent, as the chief expert and leading practical man present, should be able to conduct the strategy of the fight, responsible naval, military, police, Public Works Department and other officials being grouped around to give advice and to issue instructions to their respective followings. When a big fire is raging, the Superintendent in short, should be in much the same position as the master of a ship in peril—armed with absolute authority over all present. We do not suggest that the parallel be carried to the point where a captain can order anybody to the stakehold if he considers the need so critical, but we do suggest that the Superintendent, within reason and among those who are present for the avowed purpose of fighting the fire, should speak with the authority, not of a request but of a command. While it may be said that the absence of this authority last Friday in no way diminished the success of the efforts to quench the flames, each arm of the attack being directed with fullest energy and skill, possibly, too, with complete co-ordination, it can be stated that the danger of confusion and overlapping will always remain until, during a fire, the Superintendent has the supreme authority by right of his position, and is so free from mere "coolie work" that he can exercise that authority to the fullest advantage.

HONGKONG DULL?

No protest was made or opposition offered to the request—which has been granted—that cinema theatres be allowed to open on Sundays at the same hours as they do on week-days. Presumably there is a feeling in religious circles that the request was reasonable and that the churches as such have no desire to stand in the way of people spending their Sundays as they think reasonably fit. It may be a concession to the fact that to a great many—devout adherents to their particular denomination—Sunday is not regarded in the same rigid and puritanical way as it is by a few. Sunday is popularly regarded as a day of rest, and it will be a sad time when that day is either allowed to cease as a holiday or to be used in such a way as to make its benefits of non-effect. Churches in the Colony are not open all day on Sundays and, so far as we know, offer no inducement to their members to spend the afternoon within sacred walls. Whether the Cinema theatres will thank us for the suggestion or not, we should like to see some effort at co-operation between Church and Cinema with a view to the best in film stories being shown. The Church has been lax in this respect. It recognizes that the cinema caters to thousands, is not slow to talk out all that it describes as "bad pictures" and does not lend its voice

when a really good one comes along. The cinema gets all the kicks and none of the "happenings." The next thing to aim at is the opening of the museum and library on Sundays. The Botanical Gardens are free to all who care to climb to their beauty—why not the inanimate things of books? The comparison is not at all a happy one, for the Colony cannot pride itself on its supposedly cultural adjuncts. The recent summer saw no band concerts of any description, either indoors or out. The Surreys and the "Hawkins" bands play delightfully. But only the favoured few hear them. There should be some effort to organise this branch of dull dispelling. Shanghai boasts its Sunday concerts and is all the better for them. It is not entirely given over to cabarets and cocktails and has a mind for the enduring things of life. Some of these things would undoubtedly help to make Hongkong a brighter place than it is at the moment. Some of us do not need them. "My mind to me a Kingdom is," operates in many directions; whilst the eye and mind have probably been trained to see the beauties there are around us, and to appreciate them in silence and in sincerity. But many are not so happily situated. The stress and turmoil of life is such that there are no opportunities to develop latent spiritual powers. Dame fortune scatters her favours indiscriminately and the few rejoice in world possessions and leisure time, whilst the many find it difficult even to glimpse the material paradise which plays such a large part in most lives. There is then a duty. Cinema theatres may not be an ideal place in which to spend part of a Sunday; but there are many worse, and it is possible to get a vision of "fresh woods and pastures new," a new inspiration and a new hope, inside the walls of one. The Government probably recognises this fact—hence its permission already recorded. It may be argued that the concession falls hardly on employees who desire consideration and a rest from their labours. We may safely leave this to the employees themselves. Employers, we feel sure, will do what is expected of employers in this enlightened age.

Fighting the Pirates.

Shanghai exchanges bring reports of the Naval Court of Enquiry into the circumstances of the piracy on the steamer "Tungchow," the findings of which were published in our columns yesterday. The facts of the outrage, as reported locally on the ship's arrival here from Blas Bay, naturally prepared our readers for the Court seeing no ground for blaming the conduct of the ship's officers or crew—conduct that indeed was admirable and restrained under exceedingly trying circumstances. It was, furthermore, only to be anticipated that the Court would express decided views in favour of wireless installations acting as deterrents to pirates contemplating a seizure of this nature. Another point raised during the enquiry and referred to in the findings of the Court is no less important—that of exercising care in the matter of Chinese passengers. In the words of the Court, "if possible some record should be kept of the Chinese passengers to whom tickets are sold, and they should be searched for arms before the ship leaves the port. In the case of ships carrying bullion or specie, it might be advisable, at all events as a temporary measure, either to take no Chinese passengers or else to carry an armed guard in addition to the crew." One of the witnesses considered that a search of the passengers, besides taking too long, would be resented by the Chinese, even though they knew that such action was in their own interests. It was, furthermore, stated that searching could not be carried out on British ships alone or they would not be patronised. But surely the history of piracy in Chinese waters should impel all ship owners to combine in such a measure, without waiting—as suggested at the Court of Enquiry—for the Customs people to search whom they could in the limited time available and trust to the moral effect of such on potential pirates. Agreement will also be found with the Court's conviction that "the only satisfactory way of dealing with the pirate menace is to destroy the pirate bases on shore, without which attacks such as that on the 'Tungchow' would be impossible." As the most notorious of the pirate bases is Blas Bay, in the Province of Kwangtung, it is to be trusted that the Canton Government will act on the finding of the Court of Enquiry and ensure that the pirates are cleared out, stock and barrel. As before, they can only upon the whole be regarded as a nuisance to the China Squadron and the Government of Hongkong.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The nation's mourning YELLOW for the Queen-Mother MOURNING, is naturally being expressed in black. In Britain widows wear special yellow caps for mourning, and yellow also obtains in Egypt and throughout Burma. The significance is, apparently, that it represents the old and dead leaves after they have dropped from the tree of life. Pale brown, to represent withered leaves, is also worn in Persia, while Abyssinians wear a grayish brown to represent earth. China favours white, typical of hope, and some countries favour blue. Scarlet has been worn for French kings, but purple is more general for representing royalty, and red occasionally for cardinals.

There is only one lawyer in ONLY Heaven and there are not ONE likely to be any more. Judge Parry recites the following story by a Bishop:—

"Remember it's the truth," I'm telling you. He was a Tipperary man, that lawyer. I never heard his name. But, anyhow, he went to Heaven, and St. Peter let him in. There was great surprise about it at the time. Now, no sooner had he settled down than the like of him couldn't keep quiet, but he must be stirring up ill blood and strife, as all of you do to earn your living on earth. And no one liked the fellow.

"But St. John out of pure kindness used to let him come and talk to him. And he was for ever telling St. John that he had a great grievance, and if justice were done it was St. Peter that would have the keys of Heaven, but St. John himself. To make a long story short, the lawyer got a retainer to bring the matter before the Tribunal and argue it. For sure, he made a grand speech; everyone was convinced by his plausibility, and poor St. Peter was fairly puzzled what to reply.

"And when he was called upon he kept firm hold of his keys and asked the Tribunal to adjourn the case. 'For,' said he, 'I have no lawyer to speak for me and it would be only fair that the case should stand by until another lawyer comes to Heaven to plead for me.' This was clear justice, and the case stood adjourned.

"But St. Peter remained with the keys and as long as he holds them never another lawyer will get into Heaven."

The Rev. Eustace Jarvis, at one time or another chaplain at some of the largest prisons in England, has some human interest stories to tell of his "patients" in "Twenty-five Years in Six Prisons." Here are a couple:

There was a very refined but sad looking doctor at one prison. A man who was under sentence of death complained of toothache. He asked the doctor if he would take the tooth out for him. The doctor looked at him sadly for a moment or two, and said:

"Do you really think that it is worth while?"

A wife whose husband was doing three years wrote that she would have nothing to do with him when he came out. She said she had met a very nice gentleman, who had taken her and the three children to live with him. They had dinner for tea every night. He took them to the pictures, and had bought the children new clothes and boots. She had never been so happy and comfortable and cared for in her life. After bidding him farewell, she signed herself:

"Your broken-hearted wife, Clara."

Mr. Jarvis' story about the condemned man with the toothache recalls an experience related by Berry, at one time chief hangman of England. He was helping on the road to eternity a man named Fowler—convicted of an infamous murder.

While placing the noose around the convict's neck Berry had to use a little more force than usual, owing to Fowler being a very tall man.

"Don't be so rough," complained Fowler, "you hurt!"

H. G. Wells. A LAMPOON. After having given birth to a new heaven, and a new earth,

Thinking out new sorts of Hells, here lies Mr. H. G. Wells.

LANDSCAPE ART.

Goldsmith, who in his essays makes slighting remarks on both connoisseurs and artists, sees "Compania's plain" with no illusions, as "A weary waste expanding to the skies." And though he does "Look downward where a hundred realms appear," he gives no intimation of seeing the "Lakes, forests, cities, plains extending wide" as a pictorial landscape, though one reviewer calls his description of Italy "picturesque and harmonious." He is nearer the picturesque in

Woods over woods, in gay theatrie pride; While oft some temple's mould'ring tops between. With venerable grandeur mark the scene.

The graphic details in The Deserted Village are such as belong to Crome rather than to Claude; and Goldsmith sees in the rich man's park chiefly "a space that many poor supplied."

As for Cowper, the favourite poet of Constable, he dabbled in those little landscapes in India ink, about the merits of which he had no delusions. He did not like the grandiose and vast in landscape; even such an approach to it as Eutham, Hayley's estate in Sussex, made him uneasy. When he cries for "a lodge in some vast wilderness," it means only a desire to escape the cruelty of civilization. His pictures are of "Ouse, slow winding through a level plain," "hedge-row beauties, numberless," "Green balks and furrow'd lands," "Downs that abroad escape the enquiring eye."

Scenes must be beautiful, which, daily viewed, Please daily;

though he grants that "demolitory man" may find pleasures for a time in "forests or the savage rock," it is only to return more happily to "gauged enclosures in the shelter'd vale." His view of the relation of nature and art, especially extra art, is strikingly set down in The Task.

Lovely indeed the mimic works of man; But Nature's works far lovelier, I declare.

None more admires—the painter's magic skill.

Who shows me that which I shall never see,

Conveys a distant country into mine, And throws Italian light on English walls;

But imitative strokes can do no more Than please the eye, sweet Nature every sense.

Burns and Blake are, of course, free from the artificial conception of landscape. Crabbe reproduces what is before his eyes, with the fidelity of a Dutch artist. In one of his last poems, Salford Hall, or The Pictures, he criticises Salvator and Claude through the words of an unsophisticated country boy, visiting a grand house on an errand, and taken to the picture gallery. "But is this Nature?" is his exclamation at a scene of banditti.

She then displayed her knowledge,—"That, my dear, Is called a Titian, this a Guido here."

And you a Claude—you see that love light, So soft, and solemn, neither day nor night."

"Yes!" quoth the Boy and "there is just the breeze."

That curls the water and that fans the trees; The ships that anchor in that pleasant bay All look so safe and quiet—Claude, you say?"

With Coleridge and Wordsworth we escape entirely from the conventional landscape forms; though, in spite of their freedom from the Italian sway, it is clear that their poems are not wholly new and spontaneous growths in poetry, but connected with Thomson and Dyer, back in a long line of mediocrity to topographers, and observers of nature through the medium of art. Even Wordsworth did not escape wholly the obsession of Salvator in wild scenes. William says that whatever Salvator might desire could there be found, "Nays Dorothy after describing to Coleridge the shattered trees, ragged, and rocky of a little Alps of the firs above Rydal."—Buckingham Palace, "Nays Dorothy after describing to Coleridge the shattered trees, ragged, and rocky of a little Alps of the firs above Rydal."—Buckingham Palace, "Nays Dorothy after describing to Coleridge the shattered trees, ragged, and rocky of a little Alps of the firs above Rydal."

EVELYN THAW.

SWALLOWED A POISONOUS
DISINFECTANT.

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chicago, January 5.

Evelyn Thaw was rushed to hospital early this morning after swallowing a quantity of poisonous disinfectant and telephoning for a doctor, who hurried to her apartment. An ambulance was summoned, and Evelyn was unconscious when she reached the hospital.

She had just completed a contract as a cabaret entertainer and was about to leave for Florida.

This is the second occasion on which Evelyn Thaw, who was a victim of the drug habit, has created a sensation. Early in 1923 she took an overdose of morphine and, rushing out of her apartment, screamed to a neighbor, who was posted outside, that she "had swallowed enough poison to kill 20 people." In 1922 she was dancing in a number of restaurants along the beach, which proved more profitable than a tea room venture. Then fortune smiled upon her and she earned enough money to go to the California coast, where she became a favorite of the movie colony at Hollywood. There she claims to have been introduced to "silver snow" and figured prominently in several "snow-shoe parties." Finally, when the drug habit threatened to claim her life as toll, she fought an uphill battle and won. Her mother is to be given credit for this victory, for, after she found Evelyn being dragged down, she threatened to go to the courts and take away from the young mother her son, Russell. Determined to keep her son with her, Evelyn saw the necessity of conquering the drug habit. In 1922 when the newspapers took up the case of Wallace Reid, the moving-picture celebrity, who was then also fighting to save himself from the drug habit, Evelyn was widely quoted in the newspapers as saying that she could and would give information that would result in the breaking up of the nation-wide drug ring which was responsible for things as they were then in Hollywood. She declared an open war on drug vendors, but before she could get the battle under way New Year's Eve came and with it a revel, which resulted in an attack of pneumonia, which threatened to prove fatal.

NO PATRONAGE!

AMERICANS' SELF-PRIDE
DISCOUNTED.

EUROPE'S CHANGED MOOD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 5.

The Republican majority in the Senate were astonished when the Opposition Senator, Mr. William C. Bruce, of Maryland, spoke eloquently in favour of adherence to the World Court and the League of Nations. He only desired that the Court would be not so transformed by reservations that the nations already in it would be unwilling to accept the United States as a member. He declared:

"There has been a time when the nations of the world were willing to pay almost any price to get America into the League, but recently there has been a noticeable change. They have found that they could get along without us, and even without our aid war could be nipped in the bud. Europe is no longer in a mood to tolerate airs of condescending patronage by us or praise from our own lips of our own perfections."

STEEL TRUST.

U.S. FINANCIERS' ISSUE
OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 5.

Dillon, Read and Company announce that \$55,000,000 worth of National Cash Register stock, which they offered to-day, was over-subscribed within five minutes.

A cable published yesterday stated:—Messrs. Dillon, Read and Company confirm that a sum of approximately \$50,000,000 is involved in financing a German "Steel Combination," consisting of three big groups, namely, the Deutsche, Luxembourg, and Geisen-Kirchener and Bochum Verein.

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

MORE FLOODS DAMAGE
IN HOLLAND.

TOWN PARTLY FLOODED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.

The Queen has opened with a donation of 10,000 florins a public subscription for the relief of the sufferers, which already is over £20,000.

Steamers rescued hundreds of refugees from a dyke in the Arnhem district.

The situation between the Rivers Meuse and Waal has become worse. The level of the water has risen. Several more villages are inundated and many houses have collapsed.

A dyke in the River Vael collapsed at Deventer, part of the town being flooded. The Ministry of the Navy has sent motor boats, dinghies, pontoons, and 1,000 naval men to the distressed regions.

BETTER NEWS.

Amsterdam, later.

The Rivers Waal and Meuse are falling.

OIL LEASES.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
VICTORY.

AN AWARD REVERSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Francisco, Jan. 5.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of the lower Court in ordering the cancellation of the Elks Hills naval reserve oil leases, but reversed the lower Court's award of \$111,781,000 to the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company (one of El Doheny's corporations) as reimbursement for their expenditure at Pearl Harbor.

The decision is an important victory for the Federal Government, upholding their contention that the lower Court is not authorized to order reimbursement.

It is expected that El Doheny will appeal to the Supreme Court.

"ANOTHER CHINA."

AMERICAN VIEW OF
ITALY'S DEBTS.

IMPOSSIBLE TERMS OPPOSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 5.

Mr. Andrew Mellon, in a speech before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives for the ratification of the impending debt settlements with Italy, Belgium, and other European nations, declared that if the same terms were required from Italy as from Britain an impossible burden would be imposed on Italy.

The result would be that the United States would receive nothing. The taxation which would necessarily be imposed on the Italians, if better terms were insisted on, would ruin Italy and make it "another China." Those insisting on impossible terms were in the final analysis working for the entire repudiation of the war debt.

PEACE MISSION.

CAPT. CANNING RETURNS
TO TANGIER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 5.

Captain Canning has left for Tangier to report to Abdel-Krim the result of his peace mission to Paris.

[A Paris message of December 30 stated:—In the Chamber of Deputies, replying to the Communist, M. Cachin, in regard to the visit to Paris of the British subject, Captain Canning, as envoy of Abdel-Krim, with whom M. Briand refused to treat, M. Briand at great length explained his refusal. He said that Captain Canning had no official mandate to be sent to Paris at the very moment that the French authorities had secured possession of bundles of propaganda which were intended to stir up a revolt among the Moslems against France and against Spain, who were endeavouring to bring about real peace.]

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macdonald" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 4.30 p.m. and is due here on Jan. 9 at about 8 a.m.

HOOVER'S LAMENT.

CANNOT INCREASE RUBBER
PRODUCTION!

A CASE FOR COMMON SENSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 5.

The "Times" in a leader, replying to American criticism of British rubber restriction, reiterates the reasons rendering the Stevenson scheme necessary.

It says that when prices rose rapidly—largely owing to American forward contracts—Mr. Hoover allowed himself to be drawn into a series of statements, which can only be described as inaccurate, unwise, and calculated to arouse ill-feeling on the part of Americans unfamiliar with the facts. It is no case for recrimination but for common sense. At the best, Mr. Hoover's laments cannot increase the world's production of rubber; at the worst they may enfeeble the feelings of the American public and so check a world-wide movement for the amicable adjustment of economic difficulties between nations by mutual concession and agreement.

DISGRUNTLED!

SOVIET STILL PEEVED
WITH SWISS.

BOYCOTT TO CONTINUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Jan. 5.

In connection with the invitation to the Soviet to send representatives to the preliminary Conference on Disarmament at Geneva, the "Izvestia" points out that as the result of the Soviet boycott of Switzerland, owing to the latter's refusal to satisfy the Soviet demands for satisfaction for the assassination of M. Vorovsky, the Soviet Government will not send delegates to conferences to be held in Switzerland.

Even formal recognition of the extraterritorial rights of Soviet delegates by the Swiss Government would not ensure that the conduct of the Swiss Government toward the Soviet delegates to Lausanne in 1923 would not be repeated.

AIR EXPLORERS.

HOPES OF THE SCIENTIFIC
EXPEDITION.

"DARKEST" NEW GUINEA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Batavia, January 5.

Rifles, tear gas, and bombs are included in the armament of the American scientific expedition headed by the well known anthropologist, Professor Stirling, with the object of exploring the interior of New Guinea.

The expedition is equipped with an aeroplane specially adapted for air photography and long flights, as it is hoped to effect a landing on Lake Habbema at a height of 12,000 feet, which has never before been reached by any white man.

It is also hoped to reach the unexplored Nussan mountains in Dutch New Guinea and study the pygmies and other unknown tribes. The expedition will leave Soerabaya at the beginning of February, and hopes to return in six months.

FORGED NOTES.

PROMINENT HUNGARIANS
ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.

In connection with the French bank note forgeries three prominent Hungarians have now been arrested at The Hague and Amsterdam, whilst a fourth Hungarian, also of good family, was arrested at Hamburg on his arrival from Norway with false French bank notes.

SERVED IN CHINA.

DEATH OF MR. H. B.
McCLURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, January 5.

The death is announced of Mr. H. B. McClure, Resident Commissioner, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, who had previously served in China and East Africa.

TRAIN TELEPHONES.

WIRELESS INAUGURATED
IN BERLIN.

HEARING EXCELLENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 5.

The installation of wireless telephony on a train from Berlin to Hamburg was opened to-day and was most successful. The hearing at both ends was excellent in spite of the noise of the train, which was travelling at over 60 miles an hour.

Communication with a Berlin newspaper office was established within a few minutes. A three-minute call costs 5 1/2 marks.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

PASSPORTS TO ENTER
AMERICA.

A PERUVIAN CHARGED.

A Peruvian named Augusto Gonzales, alias Chan Molan, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday on four counts of obtaining money by false pretences. The first charge was of obtaining \$710 from one Mau Fel, the money being in part payment for a passport which would admit the man to America. Two sums of \$300 each and one of \$600 were involved in the other charges which were also part payments for passports supplied by the defendant to three other Chinese.

Evidence given by the persons to whom the passports had been supplied showed that one of the holders was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for trying to enter the country without proper documents, while another was stated to be serving a term of five years' imprisonment.

Mr. J. Cameron Hawkins, Vice-Consul of the American Consulate in Hongkong, stated in evidence that defendant was unknown to the Consulate and that he had no authority to issue passports.

After further evidence the case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

Doris—When Tom proposed to me three years ago I refused him, and he said it would be the death of him. Mind—Well, that's not so, for he proposed to me last night, and I accepted him.
Doris—He must have meant a living death.

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ABORTIVE TALK.

DELEGATES AND CANTON
STRIKERS.

INSISTENCE ON TERMS.

Light was thrown yesterday on the position taken up by the Canton Strike Executive as regards mediation towards strike settlement.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall called a meeting at the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to hear the report of the eight delegates who went up just before the New Year.

The delegates are of the opinion that the strikers insist that certain terms must be discussed first before other questions can arise. Delegates must represent the whole Colony and not only the Chinese merchants. The four delegates appointed by the Government should go up. The Executive also considered that demands of reinstatement and other demands pertaining to themselves could not be handled by the Chinese merchant delegates.

It is understood that Sir Shou-sun Chow will discuss the report with the Government.

COLONIES' WREATH.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY AT
CENOTAPH.

The following is the text of a despatch received by H.E. the Governor, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the ceremony held at the Cenotaph in London on the anniversary of Armistice Day, 1925, and which has been forwarded for publication, by the Colonial Secretary:—

Sir,—With reference to my telegram of the 10th of October, I have the honour to inform you that a Ceremony was held at the Cenotaph on November 11, the Anniversary of Armistice Day, on the lines adopted in the previous years.

2.—His Majesty the King, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, took part in the Ceremony and laid wreaths on the Cenotaph.

3.—Wreaths were also laid by the High Commissioners of the self-governing Dominions or their representatives. I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the Governments and Peoples of the Colonies and Protectorates.—I (Signed) L. S. AMERY.

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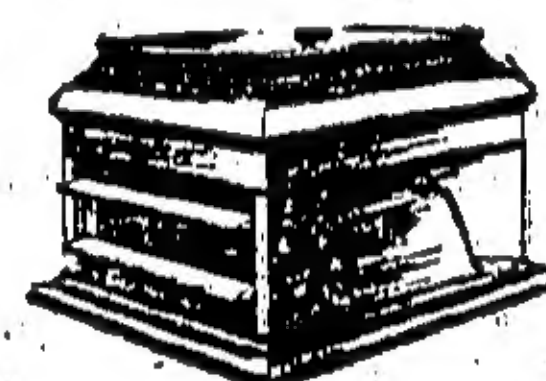
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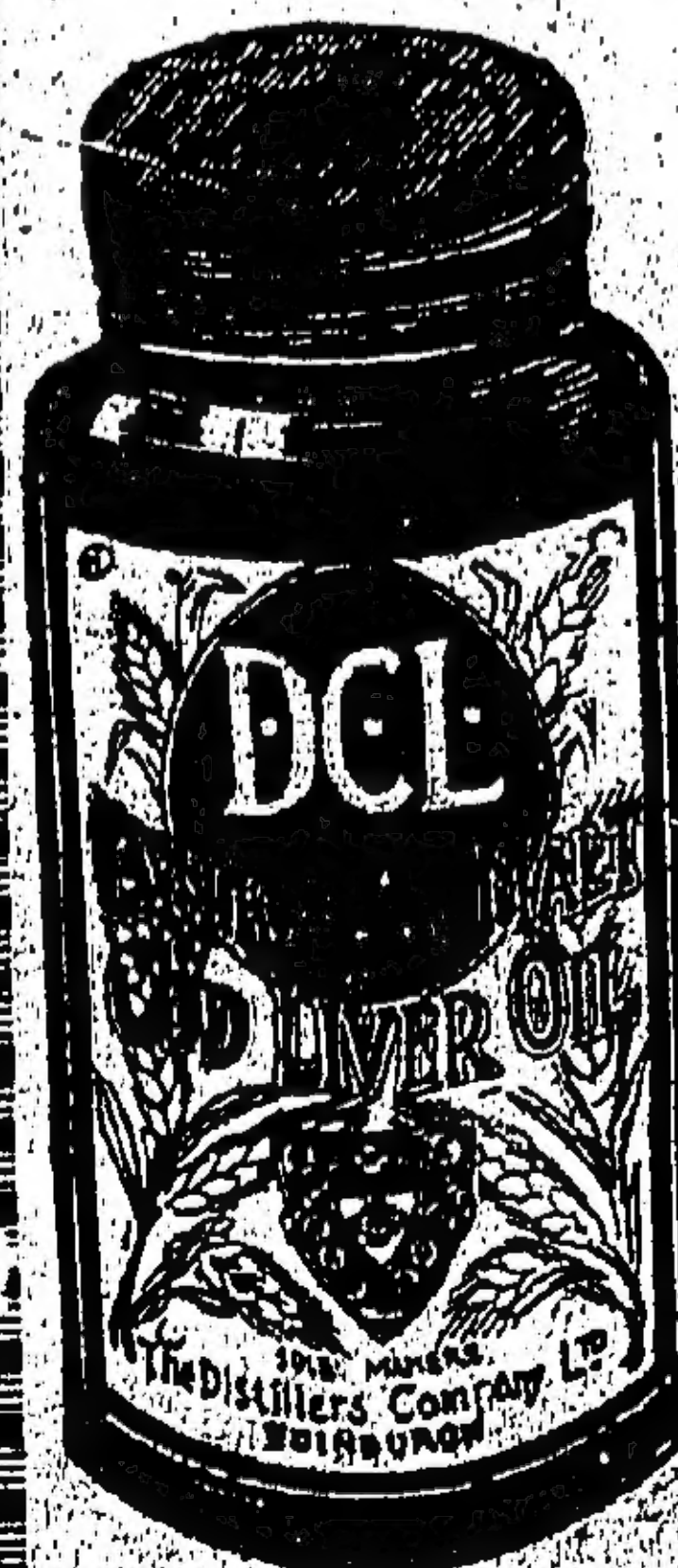
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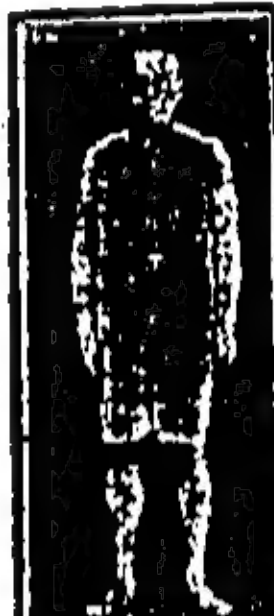
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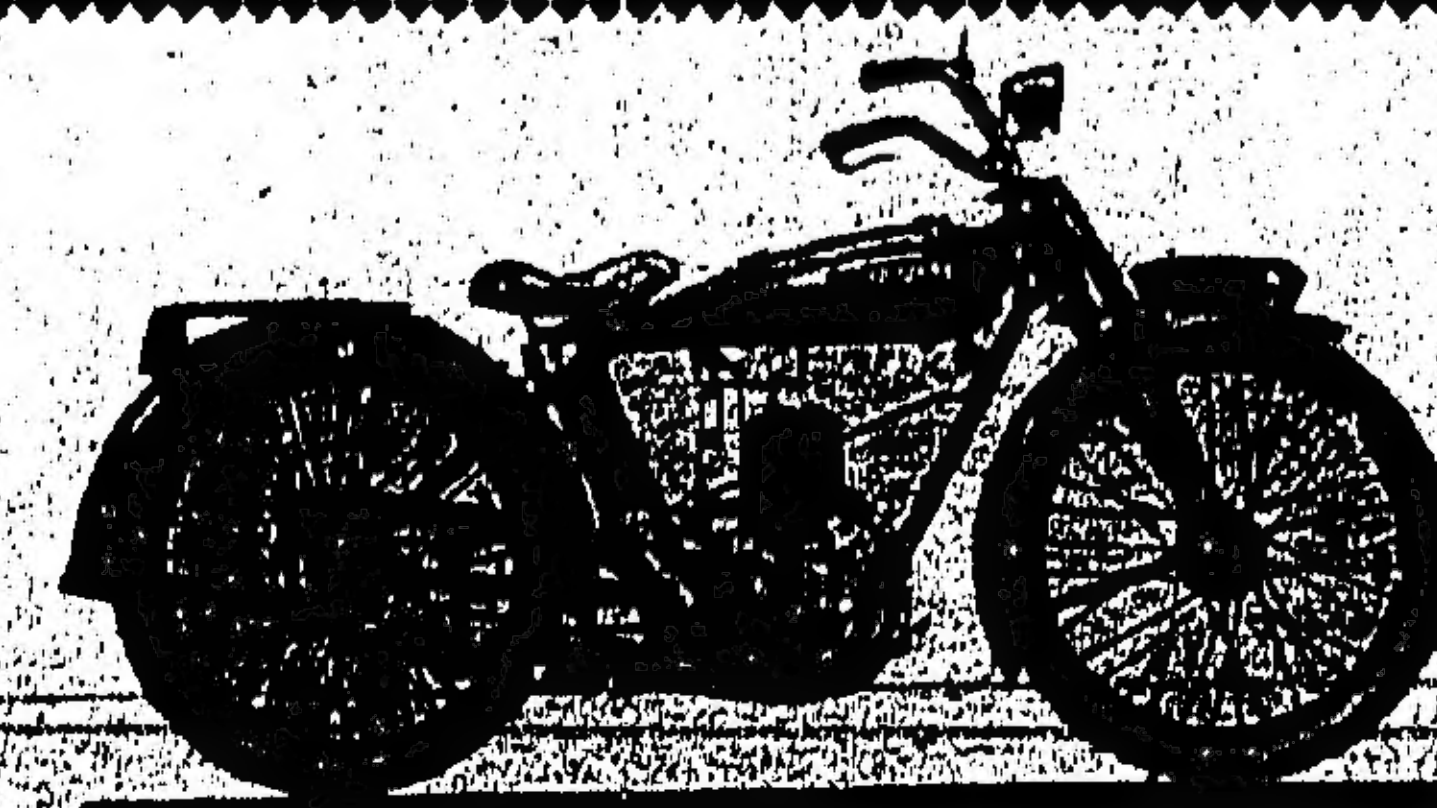
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The fortnightly Whist Drive
of the Dockyard Recreation Club
takes place to-morrow at 8.30 p.m.

The Steam Laundry Co. in-
timate their readiness to renovate
clothing damaged by salt water
and mildew.

The annual handicap tennis
tournament in connection with the
United Services Recreation Club
commences on Monday, the 18th
inst.

A London firm is circulating
the Far East its motor car pro-
posal. The firm undertakes to
supply a car at fair price to those
proceeding on Home leave, and to
buy it back at the end of the
leave, at a fair price.

One death from influenza oc-
curred last week, also one from
enteric (Chinese). Two British
cases of diphtheria were reported;
one British case of typhus fever
and one case of puerperal fever.
Two further cases of diphtheria
were reported on Monday, one of
them British and one Chinese.

The "Tokushima Maru,"
which was due to-day with mail
from Europe via Negapatam
(letters and papers, London;
December 3), has been delayed
and is now due on Friday. The
same morning, the P. & O. s.s.
"Malwa" is due with mail via Suez
(letters and papers, London,
December 10 and parcels, Decem-
ber 8).

The total tonnage of the
Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, includ-
ing 40 steam launches and tugs,
is 528,478. The total tonnage
of the affiliated company, the
Kinkai Yusen Kaisha (the
Near Seas Mail S.S. Co.), includ-
ing 14 steam launches and tugs,
is 100,785. The combined ton-
nage of both fleets is 629,263.

Asheville, North Carolina,
the home and last resting place of
William Sydney Porter, is build-
ing an O. Henry Memorial
Library. One entire floor will
be filled with autographed
volumes presented by the leading
authors of America, and another
section will contain O. Henry
letters, clippings, pictures, and
manuscripts.

An American bookseller an-
nounces "correspondence in all
languages except the Chinese."

The Secretary of the China
Coast Officers' Guild gratefully
acknowledges the receipt of a
cheque for \$500 from the
Stewards of the Shanghai Race
Club in aid of the "Mercantile
Maritime Masters' and Officers'
Relief Fund.

According to the statement
forwarded by the British Govern-
ment to the League Secretary-
General, 30,622 oz. of raw opium
and 168,855 oz. of prepared
opium were seized in the Straits
Settlements during April, May
and June, 1925.

A wool substitute, said to be
just as warm and comfortable as
the real thing, is expected by its
inventor to result in cheaper
clothing. The cloth is called
Woolulose and the manufacturer
explained that it consists of 70 per
cent jute fibre and 30 per cent
ordinary recovered wool. Sup-
plied in the raw state, the materi-
al will sell at approximately
three-quarters of the price of
cheapest wool.

Calcutta is apparently taking
its share in the rush for rubber
shares, says the "Englishman," but,
as it happens, few of these are ob-
tainable locally, and the scrip takes
time to come from Singapore. The
fact that the shares are dollar
shares also does not make for
smoothness of transaction, according
to the India investors. In spite of
these drawbacks, however, there is
no question of a brisk demand in
Calcutta for rubber shares.

The British Government has
decided to organise a purely Brit-
ish Empire section for the
famous Leysie Fair, to be held in
March. Over 30 countries will
be exhibiting, and it is felt that,
with British export trade in its
present depressed state, such an
opportunity should not be lost.
Several countries now keep per-
manent exhibition show rooms in
Leipsic, between the fairs, but
Great Britain is not yet one of
these.

The World Theatre under the
management of Hongkong
Amusements, Ltd., is forging
ahead. The interior has been re-
novated and redecorated, and
comfortable chairs installed. The
pictures and the music are alike
good.

The growing tendency to dis-
figure fine buildings and public
beauty spots by advertising signs
has been strongly censured by E.
Guy Dawber, president of the
Royal Institute of British Archi-
tects, at the recent annual meet-
ing of that body.

Foreign-language newspapers
in America will be obliged to
print in English half a column in
each issue on the Constitution,
the history or the Government of
the United States if plans launched
at the annual meeting of the
Allied Patriotic Societies are
successful.

The C.P.S. "Melita" sailing
from Montreal on November 4
carried a shipment of young black
foxes which had been purchased
in Canada by a Swiss gentleman.
The animals were transported in
about thirty wooden cages and
they are valued at about \$100,000.

The Chief Scout has awarded
the decoration of the Honorary
Silver Wolf to Mr. L. R. Wheeler,
District Commissioner for Perak,
and Medal of Merit to Mr. H. R.
Cheeseman, District Commis-
sioner for Penang, for good ser-
vices in the movement.

DO YOU HAVE BAD DREAMS?

If you retire at night before your last
meal has been sufficiently digested, or
with your system clogged with
poisonous waste which should have been
expelled, you cannot expect to enjoy
sound peaceful sleep.

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after the evening meal is sufficient.
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Phakettes ensure daily regularity,
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the breath sweet; relieve Piles. Your
chemist sells them, or post free, 30 cents
the box, from Dr. Williams' Medicine
Co., 66, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A tea dance was held yesterday
at the King Edward Hotel. Tea
and dinner dances are announced
for January.

A reception in honour of the
Hon. Mr. Fletcher takes place this
afternoon at the grounds of the
Club de Recreio, Kowloon, at
5.30 p.m.

The H.M.S. "Hermes" dances at
the Seamen's Institute last night
was a great success. Dancing
commenced at 8.30 p.m. and con-
tinued until midnight.

A Chinese New Year eve after-
dinner carniaval dance is to be held
in the roof garden on Friday,
February 12, from 9 p.m. to mid-
night. Reservations can be made
at the Hotel.

The "Jewish Tribune" has
published the names of the ten
American Jews, who, in the opinion
of its readers, have done the most
for America. Among the
ten was Adolph S. Ochs, publisher
of the "New York Times".
Among the next twenty in popular
favour were Herman Bernstein,
editor of the "Jewish Tribune",
and Sophie Irene Loeb, "New
York World" writer.

The impending departure of
Mr. S. Collett is indicated by the
announcement that the Union
Church needs the services of an
organist and choirmaster. Mr.
Collett has been organist of Union
Church for some considerable
time to say nothing of being con-
ductor of the Hongkong Phil-
harmonic Society. Mrs. Collett
also has been active in musical
matters, and their departure will
be a distinct loss to musical circles
in the Colony.

It seems a pity that steps have
not been taken to safeguard from
the display of advertisements the
great new roads that are now
being constructed, says Mr. E. G.
Dawber, President of the Royal
Institute of British Architects. A
large advertisement, as in the
case of other countries, would
not only serve as a source of in-
come to the State but also deter-
mining many who advertise in a
colourful manner. The public, who
are not only interested in the new
roads, but also in the buildings
which will be erected on them, will
be interested in the advertisements
which will be placed on them.

There is now a branch of the
International Bible Students'
Association in Hongkong. Mr.
D. O. de Silva is the lecturer, at-
tached to the branch.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Lechmere
Clift, at one time connected with
the Emmanuel Medical Mission
at Nanning, have gone into re-
sidence at Cheung Chow. Mrs.
Clift is the author of an interest-
ing little book on the island.

Mrs. Ada Grahame-White,
mother of the airman, did at
Snygate, Sussex, aged 70. She is
said to have been the first
Englishwoman to fly. She made
her first flight many years ago
with her son as the pilot.

The Nippon Yusen Kabushiki
Kaisha, owners of the steamer
"Suwa Maru," in which the King
and Queen of the Belgians return-
ed from India to Marseilles, have
given a silver model of the ship
to their Majesties as a souvenir
of the trip. The funnels and
rigging are of gold.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.,
speaking at the annual dinner of
the Central Association of Ac-
countants at the Hotel Cecil, said
he had been given an opportunity
of entering the House of Lords,
but he preferred to be the
"Father" of the House of Com-
mons rather than the "Baby" of
the House of Lords.

Of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's
excursions into the psychic, a
Frenchman, a spiritualist, says:
"He hasn't contributed much to
the subject of any real value,
either as scientist or author. Too
much of what he writes simply
shows him to have been taken in
a good many times." Not Sher-
lock Holmes but Dr. Watson has
been his "control." But he's a
great propagandist; the greatest
that spiritualism has ever had."

Some American visitors find a
difficulty in filling in the column
in the police form supplied to
visitors arriving at Gibraltar.
"Object of visit to this fortress,"
Learning one day, however, that
most of the police were related to
shopkeepers in the town, a visitor
said: "ever, I am a shopkeeper."
To do some shopping, it is said,
the visitor had been to the town.
The police officer, who was a
shopkeeper, said: "I am a shop-
keeper, and I am a shopkeeper."

Sir Charles Hyde, who has just
given \$100,000 to Birmingham
University is responsible for the
following aphorisms as a racehorse
owner:—

It is next to impossible to win
money by betting in the long run.
There is too much racing and
not enough good racecourses.
Parades before a big race are
unnecessary; they upset the horse
and delay racing.
Betting will not ruin racing, but
it may ruin football.

Georges Clemenceau, former
Premier of France, is revealed to
the world as a lover of horses, a
horse trainer and a writer on
equestrianism. A French cavalry
officer has discovered, among his
books on equestrianism, a book
written by one Jean Filis. And
it has just been ascertained that
"Jean Filis" is one of the noms
de plume of Clemenceau. The
book in question is said by
authorities to be one of the most
instructive works ever written on
the subject.

London's feminine population
seems to be pleased by the revival
of a Victorian mode, that of wear-
ing of mittens, instead of long-
sleeved gloves. Women already
have adopted mittens for the
theatre and the absence of gloved
finger tips makes the handling of
cigarettes less risky than former-
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made of filmy lace or silk, in tints
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thread with small precious stones
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Sir Austen Chamberlain probably
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

THE NOBLE ART.

CHALLENGE TO A. B. GARDNER.

NEXT TOURNAMENT.

Able Seaman Castle of H.M.S. "Hawkins," who claims a victory over Able Seaman Gardner of H.M.S. "Hermes," has challenged Gardner to a six-round contest.

This season Gardner gave a good impression by defeating both Drummer Bowles and H. Major, each over 6 rounds, on points.

The next H.K.B.A. tournament is on January 14 at the Theatre Royal. Mr. J. Brook (manager) and Mr. T. G. Bennett (hon. secretary) have the tentative programme in hand. As permission is being sought in various quarters it would be unwise to give full details at present.

However, it seems unlikely that Gardner will meet Castle. It is hoped to match Gardner in a 15-round, main event, bout for the featherweight championship and belt.

Some excellent new blood is being introduced and local ring "fans" may look forward to some fine fighting. The H.K.B.A. also hope to arrange a 10-round bout in which two lightweights who have done well recently will oppose one another.

Stoker Booth, the "Hollyhock" middleweight, who issued a challenge (at 160 lbs.) through the "China Mail" will not lack possible opponents should he arrive in time.

ANNUAL RACES.

REMINDER FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual race meeting (four days) close to the secretary, c/o Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Details will be announced in due course.

U. S. ATHLETICS.

NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES FINDS.

A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 17.

International athletics were placed on a plane higher than ever before. The close relationship was evidenced by the granting of permission to Jackson V. Scholz and Lloyd Hahn to invade Australia next summer to meet the best in the Antipodes.

At the same time Hans Houben, German sprinter; Adrain Paulen, Holland middle-distance runner; W. Goodwin, English walker; Charles Hoff, Olympic pole vault champion of Norway and Wide, Norway's rival in Europe, were invited to America next year to engage in a series of events.

Boxing took on an international angle when the delegates voted to allow \$2,500 to the committee taking a team to Buenos Aires and Canadians Argentina offered an additional \$4,000 to defray transportation expenses. The trip will take nine weeks.

President Hulbert of the American Amateur Athletic Union set the wheels in motion for the raising of funds for the United States Olympic team of 1928 by appointing a committee to work on a programme. Developments will be reported at the annual convention each year.

The convention voted to hold a national high school swimming meet in Florida during the 1926 season. The senior weight-lifting championship will be held in Los Angeles by the Southern Pacific Association.

W. C. Prout, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, reported that after investigating the Padcock-Murchison European tour the committee was convinced the athletes did not accept money for their track appearances abroad. They incurred a deficit of \$805 on the tour, he reported.

The Marathon Runners Committee, headed by William Kennedy, did not like the manner in which runners were picked for the Olympics. Kennedy reported that in his opinion many of the country's best marathoners are ignored when it comes to selecting representatives for the international competition.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

PUNJABIS BEATEN BY CLUB 2nd XI.

YESTERDAY'S GAME AT U.S.R.C.

The Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI showed that the last fortnight's rest had done them no harm when they beat the Punjabis by four goals to one on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday.

The Club, as often happens, started with eight of their own men and two spectators. Owen Hughes took the place of Lloyd and his presence and the right wing meant a great deal to the forward line.

The Club pressed from the start, but failed to score. The Punjab front line showed beautiful combination at times, and a very good forward movement led to a stinging shot which was well stopped by Frank, but before he could clear a forward was on him and pushed the ball through. The Club now came into the picture and stayed there until half time. Some good forward movements were seen, the centre and inside forwards swinging the ball about well, and the wings, especially Owen Hughes, sending in useful centres. The first goal was from a high centre from the left when Lyon getting the ball as it reached the ground sent in a splendid first time shot. Then Owen Hughes, trapping a high one, sent in a jolly good shot from a very difficult angle. The next goal came from a right wing movement which was nicely completed by Lyon. At this stage the Club was pulled up several times for off-side play. Just before the interval Price got through and scored the fourth goal.

The second half showed very keen play, but there was no further scoring. The Club goalie and the two backs (Becher and Wedlake) did very useful work and it was wonderful at times how they kept the goal clear. The Club forwards were playing well and forced several corners and were within an ace of scoring on more than one occasion, but they seemed to be well held by an improving defence. The game was a little disjointed in the second half by continuous fouling, especially by stick and handling. The ground was greasy, and it was hard to keep control. It is debatable whether the referees would have been justified in giving a little more latitude to the player.

To-day's Match.

The following were to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in a match against the 5/2nd Punjabis at U.S.R.C. to-day at 5 p.m.:—A. J. Frank; C. L. R. Becher; J. Wedlake (capt.); E. F. Stewart; A. A. Dand; L. P. Ralph; L. M. S. Lloyd; S. H. Garrod; D. Lyon; G. R. Vallack; T. J. Price.

GOLF INTERPORT.

FILIPINO PLAYERS COMING.

"EPOCH MAKING EVENT."

Manila, Dec. 26. If negotiations now under way do not fall through, a delegation from the Wack-Wack Golf Club will invade Hongkong some time in February or March to engage the members of the Royal Golf Club of that city in a series of matches. The delegation, which will probably be composed of six of the best club players of the local organisation, accompanied by two or three others who will act as manager and coaches.

Five of the six men who are mentioned as probable members of the invading team are understood to have signified their intention of making the trip. Those "slated" to go are Johnny Arellano, present club champion, Johnny Tuazon, "Doc" Cruz, Mike Cuadeno, "Fatty" Santos and Ramos.

The invitation received here from the Royal Golf Club is considered in local sports circles as the first signal recognition of Filipino golfers and no effort will be spared to send the delegation. A golf invasion of Hongkong by Filipino golfers will be an epoch-making event and may lead to succeeding invasions of other foreign golf courses by local players.

The six men mentioned as probable members of the invading team are without doubt among the best that could be picked from the rank and file of the Wack-Wack line-up judging by their showing in the tournament which is now under way, as well as in previous tournaments. With two or three months in which to pre-

RIFLE LEAGUE.

"HAWKINS" GETS THREE VICTORIES.

TWO "TRIANGULARS."

Further matches in the Hongkong Rifle League have been shot off.

At Stonecutters range on December 22, H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat H.M.S. "Ambrose" and 1st East Surreys; the "Ambrose" also beat the Surreys, the match being a three-cornered one.

H.M.S. "Hawkins":—Sgt. W. J. Shaw 94, Col. Sgt. W. Gossett 83, A.B. L. Ring 83, P.O. H. Page 82, P.O. A. C. Thoday 81, P.O. A. Lewry 74, L.S. Trowbridge 71, P.O. T. Shenton 68.

(By range:—200 yards 223, 500 yards 219, 600 yards 194.) Total 539.

H.M.S. "Ambrose":—Mr. H. Stark 82, Com. J. G. Bower 80, Cpl. J. Green 78, Mne. A. Nicholson 72, Sgt. A. V. Phillips 69, Cpl. T. Spender 64, Mne. T. Bentham 63, Mne. A. E. Harris 60.

(By range:—200 yards 194, 500 yards 189, 600 yards 186.) Total 569.

1st East Surreys:—Sgt. R. Hicks 78, Sgt. A. Sales 73, C.Q.M.S. E. Franklin 73, L. Sgt. A. Jones 67, Mne. J. F. Drake 69, C.S.M. C. Estall 64, Pte. W. Thorne 63, Pte. W. Chessman 48.

(By range:—200 yards 165, 500 yards 186, 600 yards 182.) Total 533.

SECOND TRIANGULAR. On January 2, also at Stonecutters, the "Ambrose" was first in another triangular, H.M.S. "Titania" second and H.M.S. "Iroquois" third. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Ambrose":—Commr. J. Bower 75, Mr. H. Stark, Wt. Engr. 87, Cr. Sgt. H. V. Thorne 82, Cpl. J. Green 81, Sgt. A. Phillips 72, Cpl. T. Spender 76, Mne. A. Nicholson 72, Mne. T. Bentham 71.

H.M.S. "Titania":—Lieut. Kemer 84, Sir M. C. Harper 81, Cpl. R. Keir 71, Mne. E. Pirith 74, Sgt. W. Smith 60, L. Sea H. Hammond 59, A.B. E. Bryant 80, Ste. S. Farrell 81.

H.M.S. "Iroquois":—A.B. F. Heare 75, L. Sea W. Wise 81, S.P.O. A. Potter 66, A.B. E. Lobb 65, A.B. H. Hawker 58, P.O. C. Stace 72, A.B. G. Barnes 63, P.O. T. Vincent 41.

POLICE AT TAIKOO. H.M.S. "Hawkins" defeated the Hongkong Police at Taikoo range on January 3. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Hawkins":—P.O. H. Page 87, Col. Sgt. W. Gossett 84, P.O. A. C. Thoday 83, L.S. Trowbridge 83, P.O. A. Lewry 82, P.O. T. Shenton 81, Lt. C. Wauchope 81, A.B. L. Ring 78.

(By range:—200 yards 222, 500 yards 233, 600 yards 204.) Total 559.

Hongkong Police:—Sub- Insp. McNab Wilson 85, P.C. D. Fitches 79, Sgt. B. Wynne 77, Sgt. R. Knowles 76, Sgt. J. Hargreaves 68, Sgt. W. Ritchie 67, Sgt. A. Smith 64, Sgt. A. E. Charman 40.

(By range:—200 yards 193, 500 yards 187, 600 yards 175.) Total 556.

POETRY IN RING. Poetry will not mix with boxing. The promoter of the Cirque de Paris knows that to-day, for he had tried to mix the two and failed miserably.

Ladies and gentlemen: In this corner we have Battling Duval and in this corner we have Mauling Mauros!—shouted Joe Humphries, announcer. There was a catch in Joe's husky voice and some people say he blushed as he continued: "Before the fight begins, Madame Madeline Roche of the Comedie Francaise will recite Shelley's 'Ode to the Skylark.'"

Joe beat a hasty retreat. The brave little actress scrambled into the ring. For a few stanzas the crowd was silent, then the storm broke. It was a storm of bread, ham and sausages, for French fight fans take their dinner with them and throw it into the ring when they wish to indicate displeasure. Georges Carpentier went to the rescue of Madeline and escorted her from the ring.

part conscientiously for the matches at Hongkong; they should be in condition to give the best players at the English city a run for their money.

ANCIENT CRETE.

NEW LIGHT ON EARLY PRIEST-KINGS.

SIR ARTHUR EVANS' WORK.

The results of excavations and investigations at Knossos and other Cretan sites were described recently by Sir Arthur Evans at a general meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies held at Bampton House, London. Mr. A. H. Smith, president of the Society, was in the chair.

Sir Arthur Evans said new traces had been found of a still earlier palace underlying that at Knossos, and they could only guess at its civilisation. There had been found remains of broken crystal and other objects showing that it had been very important. A clearer idea of this earlier palace was supplied by the French School of Athens at Mallia, on the north coast of Crete. There was a square building with an entrance and a central court, and the plan which had been made was practically the same as the later palaces already known at Knossos and Phaestos.

INTERESTING DETAILS.

The discoveries which had been made by the French were of extraordinary interest. They found that the rooms in which the ruler lived—he was certainly a priest-king—were on one storey and that windows looked out upon an open corridor. Facing the central court was a raised stone platform, or loggia, approached by steps and with part of an altar on the top of it. The priest-king evidently went up from his rooms on the inside and showed himself to people in the central court, and no doubt he performed certain rites or addressed the people.

In a little room the French investigators had found a pot which could be dated about 2100 B.C., and beside it a bronze dagger with gold-plated hilt and an immense bronze sword longer than any ancient sword known in Europe. The sword was a beautiful fabric, gold-plated on the hilt and ending in a faceted crystal knob, which had a certain amount of amethystine colour, and it evidently belonged to the King-priest. Fragments of bone, which would probably prove to be human, were also found.

There had been discovered also a bronze axe, the back of which formed in the shape of a leopard and was covered with spiral ornamentation. This was a ceremonial axe that had belonged to a cult which came over, no doubt, from Asia Minor, and it was apparently the badge of the King's dignity as priest as the sword was the badge of his civil power. This formed the first remains that had been found of one of the early prehistoric kings.

Dealing with the Palace at Knossos, the lecturer described the various discoveries which had been made there. Remains of a very fine porch had been found and an entrance passage with an earlier system of decoration, showing "ladies in blue" seated and talking to one another over their toilets. Other frescoes showed youths bringing precious vases. In the "Propylaeum of the Palace he found an underground stone cist, beautifully built with painted stucco inside, but unfortunately only debris was left within it. In the earlier period, it was evident, the previous vases were kept in this chamber and they had been carried into central court in procession to be shown to the people during the great feasts of the goddess. Although no specimen of the actual vases had been found, pictures of them were discovered. One very fine specimen of fresco work was illustrative of a hearse filled with people, showing the populousness of ancient Knossos.

A CITY OF 100,000 INHABITANTS. One of the strongest impressions he had received from all the excavations of recent years was the populousness of this ancient town, which was picked with houses in an area which in some places was over half a mile broad. It ascended the neighbouring hills, crossed streams and spread itself to limits that they did not know of. In some of the small ordinary houses had been found beautiful frescoes and in half-a-dozen others stores of bronze objects, showing great wealth. The crowning impression was that Knossos must have had a population of at least 100,000, and when the splendours of the palaces and the antiquity was considered, one began to understand what a very important part this great city, which had inherited its greatness from immemorial times, must have performed in the civilisation of the Eastern Mediterranean. (Cheers.)

AT LAST.

BONES OF FOUND LOST EXPLORERS.

ARCTIC DISCOVERY.

The Danish explorer, Knud Rasmussen, thrilled a meeting of members of the Geographical Society by a dramatic revelation of the discovery of the bones of two members of the ill-starred Franklin Arctic expedition.

On King William Island, he said, he encountered an Eskimo, Igglarsruk, whose father saw corpses aboard a vessel which was locked in the pack ice. Apparently they had died of disease. Igglarsruk indicated the position of the gaunt figures, whose appearance had terrified his father, and Rasmussen found two skeletons, with some fragments of clothing, which indicated that they had been white men. He erected a cairn of stones over the bones.

Sir John Franklin, who from 1816 to 1843 was Governor of Tasmania (then Van Diemen's Land), left England in May, 1845, in charge of the ships Erebus and Terror, to make an attempt to discover the elusive North-West Passage. The ships were sighted in Baffin Bay some time later, but that was the last that ever was seen of them. Sir John had intended to return in 1847, and when no tidings were received, no fewer than 20 expeditions, four at Lady Franklin's expense, were sent out between 1847 and 1857.

In 1859, Captain (afterwards Sir Leopold) McClintock, after two years' search, found a cairn, in which there was a record of the expedition to April, 1848, with proof that the intrepid explorer had died in June, 1847, after having discovered the N.W. Passage. The record of the expedition stopped at the point where the ships had been deserted, after having been fast in the ice for 18 months.

NURSERY FACTS.

OLD NOTIONS AND NEW REASONS.

These are some of the nursery conditions quoted by Sir Bruce Porter at a lecture in London and his comments thereon:—

1. That if a child has a defect he will grow out of it. Sir Bruce: "The first five years of a person's life are the most important. If he starts in the wrong direction he will go further and further from the right course. Nothing, from the doctor's point of view, is more tragic than to find on examining an older child some confirmed defect that should have been discovered in the early stage and removed."

2. That a child must be protected from draughts and kept warm. Sir Bruce: "There is no greater fallacy. The windows of the nursery should be kept open day and night. If the child has to be protected from a draught it should be done by means of a screen. His clothing should be light. One of the most pathetic sights one sees in the winter months is the little child in the park suffering untold injury because its parents are rich enough to buy a lot of clothes. Sometimes it is so wrapped up that the air can only reach a little bit of its face."

3. That children should be put to sleep in a dark room. Sir Bruce: "Because of this custom there are many grown-up people who cannot sleep unless the room is in perfect darkness. It is extremely difficult to ventilate the dark room."

WHILE BABY SLEEPS.

4. That all noise about the house should be stopped while the baby is sleeping.

Sir Bruce: "Not at all. Baby has to live in a rough-and-tumble world and he must get used to it. My babies were brought up in India, and I have seen one of them sleeping peacefully in his cradle while a bullock was hammering a board underneath it. If he noticed the noise at all he probably thought it was just one of the queer things one must expect in this old world."

5. That milk is a drink. Sir Bruce: "It is not a drink but a food. The child requires water. Every human being does, and even in prison water is always accessible. Whenever a child wants a drink he should have it."

6. That if a baby drinks cow's milk it is better to have it always from the same cow.

Sir Bruce: "No, because if the cow happens to be a wrong 'un' the baby does not have a chance. The milk should always be pasteurised."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 6, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/8	2/4 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1060 b. 1070	\$1070/1075 ss	\$1070 b.
do. London	212 1/2 n. 212 1/2	212 1/2 n.	\$129 1/4 n.
Chartered Bank	221 n.	221 n.	\$ 21 1/4 n.
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	220 1/2 n.	220 1/2 n.	\$20 1/2 n.
do. C.	213 1/2 n.	213 1/2 n.	\$12 n.
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2 n.	20 1/2 n.	\$20 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	\$85 n.	\$80 n.	\$80 b.
Marine Insurance	500 b.	600 n.	\$ 600 n.
Canton Insurance	24 1/2 n.	230 n.	2 n.
China Underwriters	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
North China Insurance	253 b. 253 1/4 ss	253 b. & ss.	\$254 n.
Union Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	36 n.
Yangtze Insurance	165 b.	160 n.	\$200 n.
China Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 n.	590 s.
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do. (Def.) Ltd.	\$250 n.	255 n.	—
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Water-boats	31 s.	31 n.	31 b.
Refineries	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
China Sugars	—	—	—
Malabon Sugars	100 n.	—	2 1/4 n.
Mining	45/- n.	54 n.	47 1/2 n.
Benguets	T 33 1/2 n.	T 34 1/2 n.	T 34 s.
Kallian Mining Ad.	20 n.	21 n.	—
Langkats (Combined)	5.45 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
do. (Single)	8 n.	8 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	\$5.80 s.	\$6 1/2 n.	7 s.
Shanghai Loan	58/- s.	60/-	60/- b.
Raubs	8 1/2 n.	—	7 1/2 b.
Tromoh Mines	—	—	—
Ural Caspian	—	—	—
Docks, Wharves	—	—	—
Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 b.	\$130 ss.	\$130 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	56 b.	55 b.	57 b.
Hongkongs	T 165 b.	—	T 165 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	T 7 b.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 n.	114 b.	115 b.
Lands, Hotels, & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$8 b. 8 1/2 ss. 8.30	8 1/2 s.	7 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	68 1/2 n.	69 n.	68 b.
H.K. Realty	5 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorials	6 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 b.
Humphreys Estates	13 1/2 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 1/2 s.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	T 10 s.	T 10 s.	T 10 s.
Oriental	3 1/4 n.	3 1/4 s.	3 1/2 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	62 s.	65 s.	62 s.
do. (new)	31 s.	38 s.	35 s.
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Canton Ice	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 n.	15 b. & ss.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	12 b.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 b.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	10 n.	18 s.
China Lights (comb.)	19 s.	17 b.	18 s.
do. (old)	15.10 n.	12 1/2 b.	13 s.
do. (new)	10.05 n.	9 1/2 s.	10 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	32 1/2 n.	8 s. & ss.	—
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Hongkong Electrics	55 ss.	55 n.	54 b.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	cts 30 s. & ss.	cts 25 b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 n.	40 n.	40 n.
do. (old)	13 1/2 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 b.
do. (new)	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 s.
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/2 n.	24 s.	24 1/2 s.
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Bowen Rd. (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

ODDS AND ENDS

The Duke's New Home.

Curzon Street, which the Duke and Duchess of York have taken Lord Howe's house, is rather a rare example of a street maintaining for nearly two hundred years an association with the family from which it took its name, observes a "Star" writer. Originally the street was called Mayfair Row, and it was renamed Curzon Street after George Curzon, third Viscount Howe, the ancestor of the present Earl Howe, the ground landlord. The street had once rather a scandalous reputation, in connection with Mayfair Chapel, where the drunken parson, Dr. Alexander Keith, performed clandestine marriages. Among the more or less famous people married there in the 20 years prior to 1745 were the Duke of Chandos and Mrs. Jeffrey, Lord Strange and Mrs. Smith, Lord Kensington and Rachel Hill, the Duke of Hamilton and Miss Gunning, and Lord George Bentinck and Mary Davies.

Among the Sand-Dunes.

In the whole universe there appeared to remain only two living beings. The distant, low line of shore with its long, fine waves of cream-coloured sand dunes was broken only by occasional furry strips and a spot of red. The furry strips were patches of beech grass, now in winter yellowed and bleached almost to the colour of the sand, and eternally hissing in the wind; the tiny red spot was the sportsman's hut with a bit of black stovepipe, to emit smoke from beechwood fires. Now it was only a red spot like a dagger wound in the cream-coloured skin of a reclining lady. Except for the low shore, everything was sea and sky; the sea deep purple, with the cold of winter water and with white caps leaping and galloping over the surface like infinite numbers of fleecy sheep running home from the eastern horizon, brightened by the blue-black forehead of the frowning storm. Except for the forehead of the frowning storm, the sky was a great bowl of cruel, startling blue. Under this bowl no sea birds, flew with silvery wing flash; out of the sea nothing was tossed as evidence of life below the surface. It was all water and sky and lifeless shore; everything, everywhere, blue and white and lifeless. To one of the two living beings on the bare sand bar, a mile from shore in the

centre of this immensity, it must have appeared that Nature, with a magnificent eye for dramatic possibility, had set a tremendous scene for a tragedy, no less real because it was grotesque and went in strange eddies, and absurd. Even the sand spit, around which the shore current dancing flecks of foam, was dramatically bare; not even a bit of seaweed had been thrown upon its surface. It was like the top of the clear altar of the sea, where, in the midst of its blue desert of emptiness, two abandoned creatures were being offered for slow sacrifice.—resh Waters—Richard Washburn Child (Hodder and Stoughton.)

Work And Pleasure.

Years ago, when the time was drawing near for me to take life seriously and to go out into the world to earn my own living, a kind and gracious adviser bade me to be sure to take the work which would make me happiest. "For," she said, "if your work does not make you happy, it is not the right work, no matter how much it may bring to you. And when," she added, "you have found the right work, you will find that it will prove to be not work at all, but pleasure." At the time, and for some while after, I thought her words sounded optimistic, or perhaps that her own experience had been exceptional. But it was one of those phrases that are destined to sound in one's ears again and again through life. It seemed to me then that to prophesy that "work would not be work, but pleasure," was to talk about the millennium. To my mind, work was a thing which should occupy seven, eight, or nine hours of one's day, and should be done efficiently, conscientiously, and honestly, but only when it was done and finished with could one begin to find one's pleasure, really to enjoy life. Work might be interesting; it could scarcely be entertaining. Work—so it appeared to me in those early days of inexperience—was one thing, pleasure and enjoyment another. That the two could ever be combined was doubtful, and that they might be identical never entered my head. Now, however, I am constantly being reminded of the wisdom and truthfulness of that advice, which, to my mind, could be given with advantage to any young person about to choose a path through life. It may be argued that all are not as lucky as I was in finding work so interesting and so much to one's liking; and while I agree that some may fall short of achieving the *summum bonum* in the way of an occupation, still, I

hold that that advice, helps in taking a saner and more reasonable view of something which must, after all, occupy the major part of one's life. If I had to start over again, I would be thankful for that piece of good counsel, which urged me to seek happiness in my work, and which, as a corollary, urged me, having found it, not to stint myself, but to put all my energy, all my interest, all my life into the task.—Frances Louise Stevenson (Private Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George) in "Good Housekeeping."

The Baby.

They were not intelligent, they talked in clichés, they dressed to pattern; at the best they aspired to perfection of form within their group. It seemed that nothing serious had touched them till the baby came. That might have been the saving of a woman, but Edie was more of a marionette; Edie with a baby was a joke. And Edie went about dispersing facetious messages from *soie*. I didn't like them, and yet wasn't there something gallant in her attitude? Child-birth is not a joke.... And then came the calamity. It was late at night when Eddie came in, breathing hard from his rush across to us. He gasped out his news, and the appeal for Isabel's help. The baby was ill, was choking; they were all at a loss; the doctor wasn't in; Eddie feared it might already be too late. Isabel was ready in a moment, and I went with them. We discussed the question of the doctor's possible whereabouts as we ran, and I broke away to seek the village nurse. She and I and the doctor arrived together after a considerable delay. The house was quiet, and burst of frenzied activities was over; the baby was dead. Could nothing be done? It seemed that the baby had gone such a little way that it might be recalled. The immediate past is a strong prepossession; death may confer on the body a spiritual significance. The doctor did all he could, which was nothing. We all did everything we could. The young parents looked at us inquiringly. Was everything in order? They hadn't a diction, a vocabulary for such an occasion. Edie said something about having misused a bus this time, Edie's banalities, needn't be recalled. Their faces told me little. They were scared; that was all. They wanted to get back to something sure and familiar; who would not? They were on the defensive with us, as such people commonly are with their elders.—Suburb, by Allan Monkhouse (Philpot, Ltd.)

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The Parcel Post Service to Canton is resumed.
Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
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INWARD MAILS.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6. Time
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 5 p.m.
Port Bayard. 5 p.m.
Shanghai. 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7. Time
Hohow, Parkhol and Saiphoog. 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcells 5 p.m. Letters 9 a.m.)
Port Bayard. 5 p.m.
Straits. 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C., due Vancouver B.C. 26th Jan. 1926. Ship sails at daylight, 8th Jan. 1926. Parcells 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8. Time
Hohow, Parkhol and Saiphoog. 8.30 a.m.
Hainboog. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan. 10.30 a.m.
Manila. 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok. 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai Japan and Postcards specially super-scribed "Via Siberia" only.
Manila. 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 31st Feb. 1926. Parcells 5 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9. Time
Amoy and Formosa. Noon.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcells Noon. Letters 1 p.m.)
Bangkok. 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., G. & S. America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. due Victoria B.C. 3rd Feb. Parcells 3 p.m. Registration 4.45 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10. Time
Hohow and Hainboog. 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 11. Time
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C., due Vancouver B.C. 26th Jan. 1926. Ship sails at daylight, 8th Jan. 1926. Parcells 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
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NOTICE.
HOLDERS of Arms Licences (including shotgun licences) are requested to note that their Licences are now due for Renewal and to Renew the same forthwith.
P. P. J. WODEHOUSE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hongkong, January 5, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, January 23, 1926, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.
Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead and Davis.
Hongkong, January 5, 1926.

NOTICE.
WE have this day ceased to employ Y. L. TANG as our shroff and he is no longer authorised to collect accounts on our behalf.
DRS. GILL AND SOMMERS.
Hongkong, Dec. 26th, 1925.

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Hongkong and Canton,
31st December, 1925.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 28th October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th January, 1926, instead of 3rd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.
Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th March, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th March, 1926.
For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918) LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1925.

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DRS. GILL AND SOMMERS.
Hongkong, Dec. 26th, 1925.

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